

RESOLUTION NO. 12-329

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Mr. Robert "R.C." Adams will be crowned "King For A Day," in honor of his 98th Birthday Celebration, held at the Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church Christian Life Center on April 28, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Reverend Dr. Wayne Snodgrass, is blessed and honored to have Mr. Robert "R.C." Adams as the oldest member of the congregation. Age is honorable, and they that are long of days is worthy of that honor. Honoring our elders is a statue of God, which is recorded in Leviticus 19:32: "Show respect to the aged: honor the presence of an elder; fear your God. I am God;" and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams was born in Morengo County in the city of Linden, Alabama. It was there, he graduated from high school. He has been a resident of Huntsville since 1949. He received a degree in Building and Construction from Alabama A&M University in 1955. In the late 1950's, he did substitute teaching at Mount Lebanon Elementary and other county schools. Between the late 1950's and 1960's, he owned Adams Construction Company and built houses, including the one where he currently resides; and,

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, he was a well-known part-time taxi cab driver; and,

WHEREAS, he worked for the Community Action Agency for 21 years from its inception as a Field Coordinator. He progressed to hold several supervisory positions, including Director of Neighborhood Center Services Program and Supervisor of Transportation, Maintenance and Security. After his retirement from Community Action in 1986, he had an urge to own his own taxicab company and did just that for three years; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams has an extraordinary legacy of civic involvement. He was active in sit-ins during the 1960's signing property bonds for those arrested. He was President of the Huntsville-Madison County NAACP when Alabama Governor Patterson outlawed the operation of the NAACP in the state of Alabama. The organization went underground operating as the Huntsville-Madison County Voter's League, where he served as President. To date, he is personally responsible for over 10,000 residents becoming registered voters in Huntsville, Madison County. He is still very active in his quest to get everyone registered to vote and serves as a poll inspector at every election; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams is a 33rd degree Mason and currently serves as Deputy Inspector General of the Coleman Grand Council and Electa Grand Chapter under the Supreme Grand Council of America, Inc., which is associated with the Supreme Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons; and,

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WHEREAS, Mr. Adams' commitment, fortitude and long distinguished work in the civil rights and voter registration has contributed to many becoming elected officials, successful entrepreneurs, college presidents, lawyers, doctors, and the lists goes on. His contributions and positive impact in the community has made the community and world a better place to live.

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams is a very active member of the Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church. He is married to the former Martha Hereford; their blended family includes two daughter, Patricia (deceased) and Peggy; four grandsons and two-great grandsons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby acknowledges the contributions of Robert "R.C."Adams and extend best wishes to him on the occasion of being crowned "King For A Day" on his 98th Birthday Celebration. May you be blessed with many more Happy Birthdays.

ADOPTED on this the 26th day of April, 2012.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama